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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 331

Introduced by Assembly Member Goldberg

February 16, 2001

An act to add Section 13578 to the Water Code, relating to recycled water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 331, as amended, Goldberg. 2002 Recycled Water Task Force.

Under existing law, the Department of Water Resources is among the principal state agencies with primary authority over water. Existing law regulates the use of recycled water.

This bill would require the department to convene ~~a~~ *the* 2002 Recycled Water Task Force *with a specified membership* to ~~investigate~~ *advise the department in investigating* the opportunities for using recycled water in industrial *and commercial* applications and ~~to identify~~ *in identifying* impediments and constraints to increasing the industrial *and commercial* use of recycled water, *and would require a report to the Legislature with recommendations on specified topics by January 1, 2003.*

~~The bill would require the task force to identify changes needed in the Uniform Plumbing Code to facilitate the use of recycled water in industrial settings and to make recommendations to the California Building Standards Commission with regard to suggested revisions to the California Plumbing Code necessary to incorporate the changes identified by the task force.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 13578 is added to the Water Code, to
2 read:
3 ~~13578. (a) The department shall convene a task force, to be~~
4 *13578. (a) In order to achieve the statewide goal for recycled*
5 *water use established in Section 13577 and to implement the*
6 *Governor's Advisory Drought Planning Panel Critical Water*
7 *Shortage Contingency Plan recommendations, Section F2, as*
8 *submitted December 29, 2000, the department shall identify and*
9 *report back to the Legislature on opportunities for increasing the*
10 *use of recycled water, as defined in paragraph (3) of subdivision*
11 *(b) of Section 13575, and identify constraints and impediments,*
12 *including the level of state financial assistance available for*
13 *project construction, to increasing the use of recycled water.*
14 *(b) The department shall convene a task force, to be known as*
15 *the 2002 Recycled Water Task Force, to advise the department in*
16 *implementation of subdivision (a), including making*
17 *recommendations to the Legislature regarding the following:*
18 *(1) How to further the use of recycled water in industrial and*
19 *commercial applications, including, but not limited to, those*
20 *applications set forth in Section 13552.8. The task force shall*
21 *evaluate the current regulatory framework of state and local rules,*
22 *regulations, ordinances, and permits to identify the obstacles and*
23 *disincentives to industrial and commercial reuse. Issues to be*
24 *investigated include, but are not limited to, applicability of visual*
25 *inspections instead of pressure tests for cross-connections between*
26 *potable and nonpotable water systems, dual piping trenching*
27 *restrictions, fire suppression system design, and backflow*
28 *protections.*
29 *(2) Changes in the Uniform Plumbing Code, published by the*
30 *International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials,*
31 *that are needed to facilitate the use of recycled water in industrial*
32 *and commercial settings. The department shall make*
33 *recommendations to the California Building Standards*
34 *Commission with regard to suggested revisions to the California*

1 *Plumbing Code necessary to incorporate the changes identified*
2 *by the task force.*

3 (3) *Changes in state statutes or the current regulatory*
4 *framework of state and local rules, regulations, ordinances, and*
5 *permits needed to increase the use of recycled water for*
6 *commercial laundries and toilet and urinal flushing in structures*
7 *including, but not limited to, those defined in subdivision (c) of*
8 *Section 13553(c). The department shall identify financial*
9 *incentives to help offset the cost of retrofitting privately and*
10 *publicly owned structures.*

11 (4) *The need to reconvene the California Potable Reuse*
12 *Committee established by the department in 1993 or convene a*
13 *successor committee to update the committee's recommendation*
14 *that planned indirect potable reuse of recycled water by*
15 *augmentation of surface water supplies would not adversely affect*
16 *drinking water quality if certain conditions were met.*

17 (5) *The need to augment state water supplies using water use*
18 *efficiency strategies identified in the CALFED Bay-Delta*
19 *Program. In its report pursuant to subdivision (a), the department*
20 *shall identify ways to coordinate with CALFED to assist local*
21 *communities in educating the public to the statewide water supply*
22 *benefits of local recycling projects and the level of public health*
23 *protection ensured by compliance with the uniform statewide*
24 *water recycling criteria developed by the State Department of*
25 *Health Services in accordance with Section 13521.*

26 (6) *Impediments or constraints related to increasing the use of*
27 *recycled water in applications for agricultural, environmental, or*
28 *irrigation uses, as determined by the department.*

29 (c) (1) *The task force shall be convened by the department and*
30 *be comprised of one representative from each of the following state*
31 *agencies:*

32 (A) *The Department of Water Resources.*

33 (B) *The State Department of Health Services.*

34 (C) *The State Water Resources Control Board.*

35 (D) *The Environmental Protection Agency.*

36 (E) *The CALFED Bay-Delta Program.*

37 (F) *The Department of Food and Agriculture.*

38 (G) *The Building Standards Commission.*

39 (H) *The University of California.*

(2) *The task force shall also include public members including representatives of recognized environmental advocacy groups and consumer advocacy groups, as determined by the department, and one representative of local agency health officers, one representative of urban water wholesalers, one representative from a groundwater management entity, one representative of water districts, one representative from a nonprofit association of public and private members created to further the use of recycled water, and at least two representatives from each of the following as defined in Section 13575:*

(A) Recycled water producer.

(B) Recycled water wholesaler.

(C) Retail water supplier.

(d) The department and the task force shall report to the Legislature by January 1, 2003.

~~known as the Recycled Water Task Force, to investigate the opportunities for using recycled water in industrial applications, including, but not limited to, those applications set forth in Section 13552.8, and to identify means of overcoming impediments to increasing the industrial use of recycled water.~~

~~(b) The Recycled Water Task Force shall identify changes in the Uniform Plumbing Code published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials needed to facilitate the use of recycled water in industrial settings, and shall make recommendations to the California Building Standards Commission with regard to suggested revisions to the California Plumbing Code necessary to incorporate the changes identified by the task force.~~